THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): No such proposal is under consideration of the Government for the present.

Foreign education providers in the country

*15. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign education providers permitted to open campuses in the country for higher education and on what terms and conditions;

(b) whether degree awarded by these education providers would be recognised by Government; and

(c) the cities where such campuses would be established?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No foreign education provider has been permitted to open any campus in the country for higher education.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Inquiry into Nithari murders

*16. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE :
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central panel inquiring into the Nithari murders has submitted its report and has suggested widening the scope of the investigation to cover possibilities including organ trade sexual exploitation and has recommended certain measures to avoid such incidents in future;

(b) if so, whether her Ministry has examined the recommendations of the Committee; and

(c) if so, whether the suggestions made in the report has been forwarded to the CBI for further investigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c)

The Committee constituted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development to investigate into allegations of large scale sexual abuse, rape and murder of children in Nithari village of NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh submitted its report on 17th January, 2007. The Committee has, *inter-alia*, suggested that the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) should look into all angles including organ trade, sexual exploitation and other forms of crimes against women and children besides recommending certain measures to avoid such incidents in future. The Ministry has examined the report of the Committee and sent a copy of the report to the Central Bureau of Investigation.

Lapses in ICDS implementation

*17. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court on July 19, 2006 appointed a two-member committee to go into the question of serious lapses in ICDS implementation and found serious lapses on the part of both Centre and States;

(b) whether a noted economist releasing a report based on a survey of the ICDS in six States in 2004, pointed out the same position; and

(c) whether the Hon'ble Prime Minister recently expressed concern over poor implementation of the scheme and in a written communication to the Chief Ministers suggested to set up institutionalized review process and report the position to the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A Report titled 'Focus on Children Under Six' has been brought out by the Citizens' Initiatives for the Rights of Children under Six in December, 2006 and released by Prof. Amartya Sen, a noted Economist. It, *inter-alia*, indicates a decline in the qualitative aspects of the programme.

(c) Expressing concern over the status of implementation of the ICDS Scheme, the Hon'ble Prime Minister in a letter addressed to the Chief